(a) whether restrictions have been imposed on entry in post offices by Standard Agency Service (SAS) agents;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) its impact on restricted sale of small saving schemes in post offices; and

(d) the steps proposed to boost sales of small saving schemes in post offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) No, Sir, Separate hours of business are fixed for agents to transact their business at post office for their own convenience.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) Since Government is already making strenous efforts to encourage small savings, no new steps are proposed in this direction.

1291. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Uttar Pradesh which have been connected by STD;

(b) what are their code numbers and pulse rates; and

(c) what are the names of places in the State which will be provided with STD facilities in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) and (b) State of Uttar Pradesh is divided into UP (East) and UP (West) Telecom Circles. Information regarding names of places connected by STD and their code numbers for the UP (East) and UP (West) is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House. The pulse rates for STD calls are as follows:

Distance	Pulse Rate (Second)			
	Full	1/2	1/3	1/4
0—20 Kms.	180	180	180	180
21—35 Kms.	90	90	90	90
36—50 Kms.	36	48	48	48
51—100 Kms.	12	24	36	48
101—200 Kms.	8	16	24	36
201—500 Kms.	4	8	12	16
501—1000 Kms.	3	6	9	12
More than 1000 Kms.	2	4	6	8

(c) The places which are planned to be provided STD facility in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000 in UP (East) Telecom Circle are as per Annexure 'A' and in UP (West) Telecom Circle are as per Annexure-'B' subject to availability of materials on time.

[See Appendix 185, Annexure No. 36]

Licencing Policy of Global Mobile Personal Communications Service

1292. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the licencing policy for Global Mobile Personal Communications Services in the country;

(b) the reasons for indifferent policy with Iridium India where arbitration is entirely in the hands of DoT; and

(c) the steps proposed to streamline the affairs to gain confidence of the private companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA): (a) As per policy approved by the Government, any Indian registered company having a foreign equity upto a maximum of 49% shall be eligible for grant of license for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite